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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on July 14, 2004, Applicant hereby calls the following documents, which were cited in a European Search Report issued on July 12, 2004 for corresponding Application No. EP 04 29 1016, to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 6,101,674 to FURUYA et al., issued August 15, 2000;

EPO Patent Publication No. 1,158,637 to SAEKI et al., published November 28, 2001;

EPO Patent Publication No. 882,922 to MORI, published December 9, 1998;

EPO Patent Publication No. 888,931 to SATOU et al., published January 7, 1999; and

Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 2002171648 to TSUTOMU, published June 14, 2002.

Applicant notes that the category of relevance of each of the above-mentioned documents with respect to the various claims of the European application, as well as the relevant passages of these documents, is as discussed in the European Search Report, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

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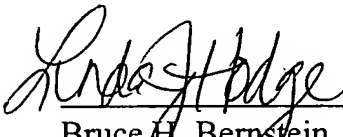
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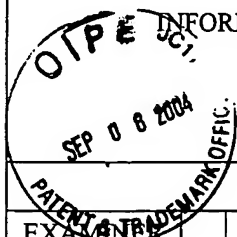
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